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## Lights... Camera... Aloha!

*Buzz of gala excitement hits air, JCS prepares for premiere*

by LT Chito Pepler

It happened early on a Sunday morning on December 7, 1941. The attack on Pearl Harbor lasted just two hours, but those have proven to be among the most pivotal hours in American history.

Now that infamous day, the events leading up to it, and its aftermath have been recreated in an extraordinary film from Touchstone Pictures.

Producer, Jerry Bruckheimer (*Armageddon*, *Remember the Titans*) and Director, Michael Bay (*Armageddon*, *The Rock*), and Screenwriter Randall Wallace (*Braveheart*) have teamed up to bring the latest summer blockbuster to movie-goers everywhere.

Starring Ben Affleck, Kate Beckinsale, Josh Harnett, Alec Baldwin, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Jon Voight as FDR, the movie tells the story of two young pilots whose lives are drastically altered by the events of the war.

In the movie, the Pearl Harbor raid itself is over 40-minutes long. A minute by minute timeline of the actual raid begins at 0300 as Japanese carriers head toward Pearl and ends at 1330 when the Japanese carrier AGAKI orders its bombers to return. Each hour is illustrated with the most spectacular bombing images from the movie, including a bird's eye view of the bomb that sank the USS ARIZONA and the seven-minute rollover of the USS OKLAHOMA.

The aftermath of the attack and its effect on a stunned nation are explored in gripping detail, including the famous Doolittle raid on Tokyo.

The movie "Pearl Harbor" is not just a testosterone-packed war movie. It is a romantic movie that pairs the lean and handsome Ben Affleck and the fresh-faced good looks of Josh Harnett.

The role of Evelyn is pivotal to the plot of Pearl Harbor. Both the leading men fall in love with her. Her romance with Rafe begins the movie and is the fictional thread that holds it together.

A nurse in the Army, Evelyn meets Rafe during his physical exam for his induction into the service. After Rafe's inoculation, he persuades her to go out with him and they fall in love. Then he volunteers to fight with the English and leaves her. She is sent to Pearl Harbor, along with Danny. One day news arrives that Rafe has been killed. Devastated, Evelyn and Danny turn to each

other for comfort. "They are thrown together because they've both lost someone they love. When they try and help each other through the loss, they develop a relationship of their own. When Rafe unexpectedly returns, the three characters must sort through their

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feelings. But then, like millions of Americans at the time, the bombing of Pearl puts their personal problems on hold.

The movie is set amongst three important events during World War II: The Battle of Britain, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Doolittle Raid. Inspired by patriotism and call to duty, the two pilots embark with General Doolittle to launch a raid on Japan.

Alec Baldwin, who plays the General, says, "It's like when a really big, mean guy comes into a bar and punches you right in the face and you go flying onto

the ground. Everybody stops and looks at you; they're waiting to see what you are going to do. The whole room gets real quiet. And here, the whole world got real quiet waiting to see if the US was going to get up off the floor of the bar and throw a punch. It was Doolittle who threw the first punch and we kept on punching after that."

Some of the people portrayed in the movie were real. The heroism of these people and all those left unnamed was real and we believe this movie honors their efforts and sacrifices.

### MEDIA TALKING TIPS

On Monday May 21, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) will stage a

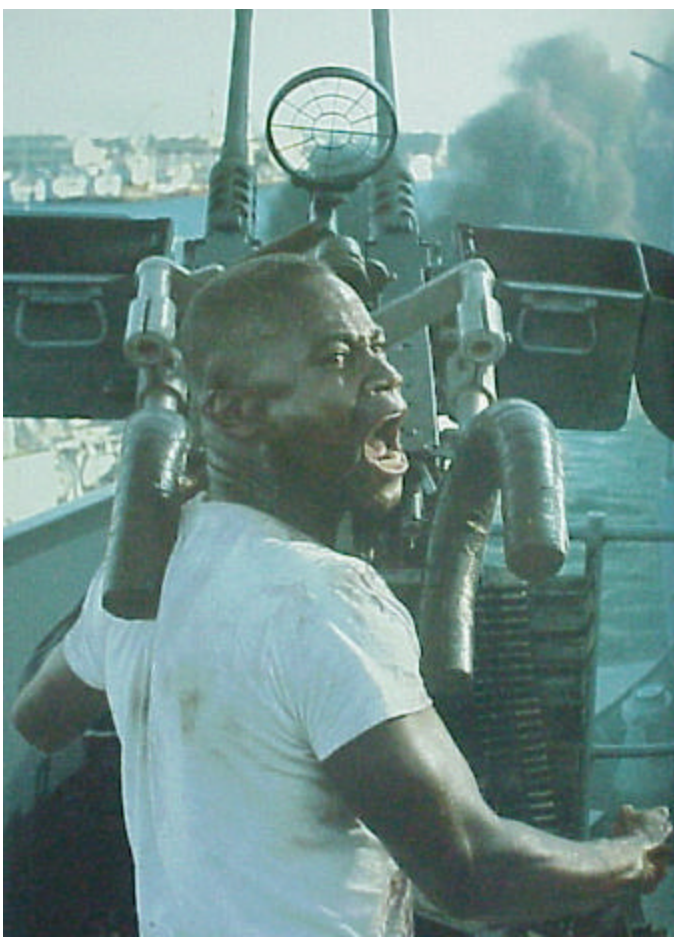
spectacular tribute to the military heroes of World War II. A World-wide Premiere of record proportion, there will be approximately 600 media outlets from all around the world, many who want to get first-hand accounts from you—the JCS Sailor who is a success story, reflecting America at its best.

Here are some tips in talking to the media: First you should relax and be yourself and be as open and honest as you can. In fact it's ok to be expressive, friendly, even have a sense of humor. You should also avoid military or technical jargon. Remember that the audience is the American public and you should be able to communicate your

point clearly in simple-to-understand layman's terms.

Remember that you are a Sailor in the finest ship in the Navy and thus a subject matter expert who only have a small window of time to get your message out. Thus you should take every opportunity afforded to you to communicate one of the following 5 messages stated below: (In fact even the most basic of questions can be responded by bridging in one of these talking points).

1. **The Navy is forward deployed and engaged.** As these battle-tested Heroes served their country over 60 years ago, your ship, JCS has also kept the peace, sailing more than 34,000 miles and conducting over 10,500 carrier landings during our 2000 deployment to the Arabian Gulf. Our hard-working men and women who represent the fabric of America, come from diverse social, economic and ethnic backgrounds and reflect America at its best. JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) is combat-ready and ready to deploy anytime, anywhere, when called upon.
2. **The events at Pearl Harbor represent the sacrifices of thousands of brave men and women.** Their sacrifices made the freedom that we enjoy possible. During the week-long event we will pay homage and tribute to those featured in the movie, especially the Pearl Harbor Survivors, Navy Nurses, and the Doolittle Raiders.
3. **The timing of the release of the movie Pearl Harbor is significant** to us with it occurring between Armed Forces Day (May 18) and Memorial Day (May 28). The event that precipitated America's involvement in the war occurred here and it remains today an important historic event in our nation's



Academy-Award winning Actor, Cuba Gooding, JR. portrays real life war hero Dorie Miller, who was awarded the prestigious Navy Cross from Admiral Nimitz in 1942.

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# SAILOR OF THE DAY



*Honor*

**May 13, 2001**

*Commitment*

*Courage*



**Name:** ET3 Richard Bryan Armstrong

**Assigned to:** Combat Systems

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Arizona

**Reported Aboard:** July 6, 2000

**Job Description:** "I am an administrator and maintenance technician for ADMACS-ISIS, JSIPS-N, GCCS-M, DCRS and the SI side."

**Favorite Movie:** Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

**Places visited while in the Navy:** Virginia, New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**Reason for joining Navy:** "I hope the Navy serves as a stepping stone for my future job needs."

**Most memorable event in career:** "Being on the flight deck and watching a F/A-18 landing about 25 feet from where I was sitting."

**Hobbies:** Gaming, camping, and reading.

## LAN OUTAGE NOTICE

The classified and unclassified IT-21 networks (SIPR/NIPR) will be down from 2000 to 0400 every night while inport Pearl Harbor for server hard drive replacement. The lone exception will be the 21st when both networks will remain available. Request your assistance in spreading the word. Your cooperation is appreciated.

--ADP Officer

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*Ben Affleck portrays Rafe McCauley in Pearl Harbor.*

history.

4. The premiere provides the JCS an opportunity to inform a wide international audience about the **hardworking and talented men and women aboard America's finest aircraft carrier.**

5. **We are great neighbors back home in San Diego and are great ambassadors and citizens wherever we go.** Not only are we great warfighters, but we also serve the community. In fact we serve America twice.

Your goal is not to get all these messages out, but each one of your responses should communicate one of them in a neatly-packaged, information-filled soundbyte.

## JCS TELEVISION

TUESDAY, MAY 15

KJCS



0000 Under A Hula Moon  
 0200 Mask Of Zorro  
 0430 Dr. Doolittle  
 0600 Evening Reports  
 0610 Dark Angel: the Ascent  
 0900 Meet the Parents  
 1100 Rocky II

KMOV



0000 Father of the Bride 2  
 0200 Con Air  
 0400 While You Were Sleeping  
 0600 Evening Reports  
 0610 Music Videos  
 0700 Navy/Marine Corps News  
 0900 History: Pearl Harbor  
 1100 Mr. Holland's Opus

## While in Hawaii...



Be Smart and always use the  
**Buddy System!**

## Mothers Day celebrated onboard JCS

by JO2 David-Michael Ross

Those who attended Sunday's Mother's Day celebration on the aft mess decks felt more than mere excitement. The unanimous sentiment was one of heartfelt emotion and genuine appreciation.

After all, it was a special occasion to see a gathering of all JCS mothers who were being honored during the special Mother's Day evening meal.

onboard, MSCM (AW) Henry E. Salazar said, "Since we are away from our homeport, our supply office decided to put all of this together for the mom's onboard." he said while his eyes scanned the room making sure that everyone was happy, "we realize that these women are away from their families, but by our doing this we hope to still make this day special to them." he added.

The meal included musical entertainment provided by a talented group of sailors who call themselves Uniq. They stood before the women and praised motherhood through their original musical composition in which lead singer AN Willie Cochran sang out in a rich soulful voice...*when you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons through you...*

DT3 Valentina Dunwald's eyes became somewhat moist during the performance. "It's nice to know that someone remembered us," said the mother of one, who smiled then shared, "Their song made me feel like I was going to start crying. This is all very elegant."



PHAN Kimberly Moore

MS1(SW) Edward Fernandez took three days to create this artfully decorated cake.

"This is a really thoughtful thing for our command to do for us," observed IT3 Tina Gilliam. "And it does make me feel very special as a mother to be here," she said as she took her seat to enjoy the festivities.

A portion of the aft mess decks was sectioned off and transformed into a formal dining area creating a warm ambiance. The lighting was lowered and soft music played in the background. As waiters filled their glasses, the mothers enjoyed casual conversations over plates of prime rib and lobster tail. Leading MS



PHAN Kimberly Moore

AN Leticia Cordova feels the food is "just great, and couldn't be better," as she makes a selection of prime rib and stuffed lobster tail.